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Letter dated 18 July 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request the Security Council to review the arms embargo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which was established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1493 (2003) of 28 July 2003 and further strengthened in subsequent resolutions on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

My Government wishes to underline the detrimental effect of the embargo on its ability to ensure, in an effective manner, national border security and the protection of the population. Accordingly, and in view of the new political situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo following the free, transparent and democratic elections organized with the assistance of the United Nations and the international community, it is of the opinion that the embargo should be modified.

My Government takes the view that clarification would be welcome in that regard and that the Security Council will be able to resolve any ambiguities.

Lastly, and also in view of the new political situation, my Government would be grateful if the Security Council could redefine the nature of the relations it is expected to maintain with, on the one hand, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo and, on the other hand, the Group of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1698 (2006) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

My Government would be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Atoki **Ileka**
Ambassador

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